

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2008, requiring an election of the claimed invention between Group I, identified to include claims 1-8 and drawn to a method of making a replica, and Group II, identified to include claims 9-17 and drawn to a replica.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group II including claims 9-17. Claims 1-8 are withdrawn.

Further, claims 10-17 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', and changing "characterized in that" to "--wherein--". Such amendments to claims 10-17 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the

presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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